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FREE ADMISSION

All High School, College Students Granted Free Access to a 'Must-See' Cultural Icon in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—As part of a back-to-school initiative, the Penn Museum is opening its doors to high school and college students for free during specific timeframes.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, individual students (aged 13-19) enrolled in any high school, including homeschooled teens, will be granted free admission to the Penn Museum, Tuesdays through Fridays from 3:00-5:00 PM. They will also receive free entry on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Identification is not required, but teens must inform Visitors Services personnel of their birthdate, zipcode, and the school they attend.

"Teens are in a transitional moment, where they examine and test the world around them to help shape their identities. This free admission opportunity arrives at a time when teens crave outings away from their houses and neighborhoods," says Ellen Owens, the Merle-Smith Director of Learning and Public Engagement, who adds the initiative is designed to encourage youth to visit cultural institutions independently, outside of school field trips. "By welcoming youth and supporting their understanding of diverse cultures, we embody our mission as a learning and research institution. But, we're also providing an after-school safe space, where individual teens can explore the 10,000 years of history inside the Museum's galleries, or use the artifacts and other content for school assignments."

Students enrolled in any college or university are welcome to visit the Penn Museum at no cost, Tuesdays through Fridays from 3:00-5:00 PM. This benefit is open to both graduate and undergraduate students at any college or university. They will be required to show their valid school identification card to representatives at the entrance.

In addition, all teachers continue to receive free admission year-round with a valid school identification card.

Inside the Penn Museum, face coverings are required and guests are asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines while following a one-way journey through the building.

The free admission initiative will be valid through December 31, 2020.

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About the Penn Museum
Since 1887, the Museum has been transforming our understanding of the human experience. Dedicated to building connections between cultures, the Museum welcomes everyone to uncover the past, gain an understanding of our shared humanity, and find one's own place in the arc of human history. For information, visit www.penn.museum, follow @PennMuseum on social media, or call 215.898.4000.

Editor's note: This free admission initiative does not apply to groups. Organized groups of college students can go through the Group Sales Department to arrange for their free admission, while K-12 groups can contact education@pennmuseum.org.